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Ms. Anna Shaffer
Shaffer Equipment Company
1519 Oak Forest Road
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Re: United States v. Shaffer Equip. Co., et al.
USDC - SDWV at Beckley
Civil Action No. 5:90-1195

Dear Anna:

This letter is to advise you that on April 14, 1997, I received a phone call from Steve Jarvela, the EPA On-Scene Coordinator for the Minden site. Mr. Jarvela advised me that EPA had been contacted by a prospective purchaser of the site. Of course, this is the first I've heard of this and would appreciate any insight you may have on this issue.

Moreover, Mr. Jarvela advised me that the West Virginia State Police, on February 17, 1997, arrested several juveniles who broke in one of the buildings and had built a fire. Apparently, the fire department was summoned to the site; however, I have no idea if any damage was done to the property.

Mr. Jarvela has asked me to inquire if George would go to the site and install new locks on the gate and building, or at least make sure the ones present are in working order and locked. If you cannot do this, please advise me and I will notify Mr. Jarvela to have someone from the State of West Virginia go to the site and secure the gates and the building.

I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

John E. Brown
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JEB/aks

cc: Steve Jarvela